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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A box for a videocassettes [,] or compact discs (CDs) or a similar object, formed of a sheet-like blank and comprising two a first and a second opposing side walls (1,2) and four intermediate end walls (3-6), interconnected through folding lines (7-11), wherein a first end wall (3) is positioned between first and second fold folding lines (7,8) each defining a longitudinal edge of each of said the two opposing side walls (1,2), interconnecting the side walls (1,2) and having the same extent as the longitudinal edges of the side walls (1,2), characterized in that and wherein a second end wall (4) extends at a third fold folding line (9) positioned to coincide with a longitudinal edge of one (2) of the first side wall walls (1,2) opposite the aforementioned longitudinal edges, and wherein third and fourth the remaining end walls (5,6) extend at fourth and fifth fold folding lines (10,11) positioned to coincide with transverse transversal edges of one (2) of the first side wall walls (1,2) having a longitudinal edge coinciding with said the third fold folding line (9), said wherein the box having has a distinct opening end and a first closure (12,13) assigned thereto, said the first closure comprising two co-operating first closure members (12,13) positioned at two adjacent end walls (4,5) at said the distinct opening end of the box and adapted to engage each other in order to keep said the end opening closed until it is forced open, wherein at least one (12) of said the first closure members (12,13) being is adapted to get torn and useless for a subsequent closing operation upon being subjected to tension caused by the opening end being forced open.

2. (Currently Amended) A box according to claim 1, characterized in that The box of Claim 1, wherein the first closure comprises a bow-like element (12) disposed on one end wall (4) at the opening end of the box and a locking element (13) assigned thereto and disposed on an adjacent end wall (5), the bow-like element (12) being dimensioned to get torn through the tensile force exerted thereon by the locking element (13) when moved as a result of the end opening of the box being forced open.

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3. (Currently Amended) ~~A box according to claim 2, characterized in that The box of Claim 2, wherein the bow-like element (12) is positioned in a region near a transverse transversal edge (24) of the end wall (4), facing and faces the end wall (5), and wherein the locking element (13) is positioned in the an extension of the end wall (5) facing the end wall (4).~~

4. (Amended) ~~A box according to anyone of the preceding claims 2 and 3, characterized in that The box of Claim 2, wherein at one end facing the bow-like element (12), the locking element (13) is formed with a wedge-like portion (14) adapted to rest in a locking manner against the bow-like element (12), such that the closure means being opened in that the bow-like element is being torn upon the first closure being opened.~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A box according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the The box of Claim 1, wherein respective ones of the free longitudinal edges (17, 18, 34) of the end walls (5,6,4), and the free transverse transversal edges (20,21) and a the free longitudinal edge (19) of the second side wall (1) and the respective ones of the free transverse transversal edges (25-30) of the end walls (3-6) are formed with closing means (22,23) resembling a snap-lock, for example second closures.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A sheet-like blank for forming a box for a videocassette or a compact disc (CD) or a similar object, comprising, the box having first and second two juxtaposed side walls (1,2) and intermediate end walls (3-6), characterized in that wherein the blank comprises the side walls (1,2), intermediate end walls (3-6) and fold folding lines (7-11) provided therefor, the end walls (3-6) being positioned so that one a first end wall (3) extends between two of the fold folding lines (7,8) formed to coincide with the longitudinal edges, facing one another, of the side walls (1,2), and wherein a second one end wall (4) extends at the fold folding line (9) formed to coincide with a longitudinal edge of one of the first side wall walls (2) opposite the aforementioned longitudinal edges, and wherein third and fourth the remaining end walls (5,6) extend at respective fold folding lines (10,11) formed to coincide with transverse transversal edges of the first side wall (2) last mentioned, and a first closure means (12,13) comprising two co-operating first closure members (12,13) positioned on two adjacent end walls and, in the an erected position of the box to be formed by the blank, adapted to engage one another to keep an openable box end closed, until if the openable box end is forced open, wherein~~

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at least one (12) of said of the first closure members (12 being is too weak to withstand more than one opening operation, thereby inhibiting making a further closing operation impossible.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~blank according to claim 6, characterized in that the sealing means~~ The blank of Claim 6, wherein the closure comprises a bow-like element (12) and a locking element (13) arranged thereto, formed in the respective second and third end walls (4,5).

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~blank according to claim 7, characterized in that~~ The blank of Claim 7, wherein the bow-like element (12) is positioned in a region near a transverse transversal edge of the second end wall (4), facing the third end wall (5); and wherein the locking element (13) is in the an extension of the third end wall (5) facing the second end wall (4).

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~blank according to any one of claims 7-8, characterized in that~~ The blank of Claim 7, wherein at an end facing the bow-like element (12), the locking element (13) is formed with a wedge-shaped portion (14) adapted to bear in a locking manner against the bow-like element (12), the sealing means closure being opened by breaking the bow-like element (12).

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~blank according to any one of claims 6-9, characterized in that~~ The blank of Claim 6 wherein respective ones of the free longitudinal edges (17, 18, 34) of the end walls (5,6,4), and the free transverse transversal edges (20,21) and a the free longitudinal edge (19) of the second side wall (1) or the respective ones of the free transverse transversal edges (25-30) of the end walls (3-6) are formed with closing means (22,23) resembling a snap-lock, for example second closures.

Please add the following new claims.

11. (New) The box of Claim 5, wherein the second closures comprise snap-locks.

12. (New) The box of Claim 10, wherein the second closures comprise snap-locks.

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13. (New) The blank of Claim 6, wherein respective ones of free longitudinal edges of the end walls, and free transverse edges and a free longitudinal edge of the second side wall and respective ones of free transverse edges of the end walls are formed with second closures.

14. (New) A box formed from a foldable planar blank, the box comprising:
two opposed side walls;
four end walls interconnecting the two opposed side walls so as to form the box in a hollow generally rectangular prism having an openable end defined by a first end wall;
and
a single use closure interconnecting the first end wall to an adjacent wall to close the box such that opening the box results in damage to the closure so as to inhibit reclosing the box.

15. (New) The box of Claim 14, wherein the box comprises translucent material to facilitate viewing of interior contents.

16. (New) The box of Claim 14, further comprising secondary closures disposed along the juncture of and interconnecting a first side wall and the end walls other than the end wall defining the openable end, a second side wall being attached to the end walls via fold lines.

17. (New) The box of Claim 16, wherein at least one of the closures comprises a snap-lock.